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SUBJ: PL 480 TITLE I: LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BDG TRADE WITH CUBA

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1. IN LIGHT OF BANGLADESH OBSERVER ARTICLE OF MAY 4 ON BANGLADESH
JUTE TRADE WITH CUBA (WHICH HAS JUST COME TO DEPARTMENT'S
ATTENTION),
BANGLADESH MAY BE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF SECTION 103 (D) (3) OF
P.L. 480. IF THIS INFORMATION CONFIRMED, THE USG MAY NOT NOW ENTER
INTO OR AMEND TITLE I SALES AGREEMENTS. THEREFORE YOU SHOULD DELAY
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EXCHANGING NOTES AUTHORIZED BY STATE115340 UNTIL THIS MATTER IS

CLARIFIED. REASON FOR HOLDING UP AMENDMENT BEING EXPLAINED TO BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON. YOU MAY INFORM BDG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF LEGAL QUESTION MOTIVATING THIS ACTION.

2. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROVISIONS OF SECTION 103 (D) (3) APPLY EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN FROM BDG OR OTHER AVAILABLE SOURCES ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. HAS BDG FURNISHED OR SOLD JUTE AND EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS OR OTHER COMMODITIES TO CUBA?

B. IF ANSWER TO A. IS YES, WAS SALE ONE-TIME TRANSACTION OR PART OF CONTINUING TRADE RELATIONSHIP? IF THE LATTER, HAS PROGRAM BEEN OR WILL IT BE TERMINATED?

C. IF JUTE WAS SOLD TO CUBA, WAS IT RAW JUTE OR PARTICULAR JUTE GOODS? PLEASE PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE DETAILS.

D. IN EVENT COMMODITIES WERE SOLD OR FURNISHED BY BDG TO CUBA, WAS BANGLADESH-REGISTRY VESSEL USED IN TRANSPORTING GOODS TO OR FROM CUBA?

3. WE WILL DETERMINE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BDG TRADE WITH CUBA FOR P.L. 480 TITLE I ON THE BASIS OF YOUR REPLY TO THESE QUESTIONS. DECONTROL FOLLOWING JANUARY 31, 1975. KISSINGER

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